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<b>Applicant(s):</b>	Ingemar J. Cox, et al.	<b>Examiner:</b>	Ayaz R. Sheikh
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<b>For:</b>	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR INSERTING AND AUTHENTICATING A DIGITAL SIGNATURE IN DIGITAL DATA	<b>Dated:</b>	February 12, 2004

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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